



## Maine Farmer.

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S. L. BOARDMAN, Editors.

Our Home, Our Country, and our Brother Man.

Location of the State Industrial School.

As our readers are already aware, the Trustees of the "State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," have made an organization and entered upon the duties which their official capacity imposes upon them. The gentlemen composing it, are well known throughout the State, the officers of the Board all men in the highest degree fitted for the performance of the work before them, and that it will be accomplished in a manner which will meet the entire approval of the people of the State, there can be no doubt. The location of the proposed institution is one of the first matters to be attended to. This decided upon, the other questions can be disposed of as they come along. Where shall the Institution be located?

The General Government in the grant for the endowment of the college, expressly declares that no part of the fund, nor interest therein, shall be applied, directly or indirectly, under any pretense whatever, to the purchase, erection, preservation, or repair of any building or buildings, appropriated for the use of the Institution; or in other words, it says to the State, "If you, in a corporate capacity, or as individuals, do not think enough of the benefits offered to furnish the buildings therefor, you cannot have them; I have done my part, now do yours." At the present time, with heavy war taxes upon the State, the Trustees deem it injudicious to ask an appropriation for the erection of buildings. The fund for that purpose must be raised by individual subscriptions, and while we believe there should be no feelings of a local nature—inasmuch as the Institution is to be for the equal good of every part of the State—we do believe that the locality in which it is to be located should contribute more generously for this purpose than remote sections. The most generous offer has been made by a native of Maine, of an estate near Bangor. Will the people of Bangor give in ten thousand dollars (a sum ample sufficient to erect suitable buildings with which to commence operations) to have it established there? Will Portland give that sum to have it located at Gorham? Will the people of Kennebec county contribute that amount to have it situated here? This is what will, in a great degree, influence the Trustees in the choice of a location. Perhaps there are other localities in the State which may be induced to give proposals for its location, if so, the Trustees are duly empowered to receive and consider the same. Let them be sent in at once.

If we cannot have what we want we must have what we can: if we cannot have fifty thousand dollars to start with, we must make a beginning with ten thousand. Let the school start upon a small, prudent and well considered basis, and gradually work its way up to a commanding and honorable position. It must be so established at first, that additions to its buildings and the course of instruction can be added in the future, and harmonize completely with the general plan.

Some are inclined to regard the present, as an unfavorable time to present the wants of this Institution to the people of the State. We do not so look upon it. The morn of peace has dawned, and its blessings will soon roll upon us as water upon the parched earth. The war debt will be paid off and we shall scarcely feel it. So, instead of being a bad time, it is, indeed, the very best time in which to raise funds for the purpose. Farmers and mechanics of Maine! Will you contribute the small amount needed to erect buildings for the establishment of this, your College? What is to be given is needed now.

### The Holmes Library.

We acknowledge the receipt of one dollar from J. H. Philbrick, Esq., of Skowhegan.

D. W. Bowman of Sidney, has presented a fine large sized, and accurate portrait of Lieut. Gen. Grant to the "Holmes Library" fund. Price one dollar. It will be sold for the benefit of said fund. Who will have it?

The "Rural New Yorker" of 29th April, has the following: "The Maine Farmer has called upon the farmers of that State for dollar subscriptions to found a library to be called the "Holmes Library" for the Maine Agricultural College. The name of the library is a deserved compliment to Dr. Holmes, an eminent agriculturist of that State, and one whose life was devoted to the promotion of the interests of the industrial classes. We regard the enterprise as a movement in the right direction."

### New Publications.

FACTS ABOUT PEAT AS AN ARTICLE OF FUEL. By T. H. LEAVITT. Boston: Leavitt & Hinman, 49 Congress Street.

This is an important pamphlet of 120 pages, embracing an account of the origin and composition of peat, the localities in which it is found, the methods of preparation and manufacture, and the various uses to which it is applicable. It abounds throughout in practical and scientific matter of deep interest, and treats upon a subject now receiving much attention from manufacturing and railroad corporations and other concerns of fuel.

OWEN BLANTON. What Kind is Raisin, and the Way to Raise them. By James J. H. Gregory, Boston. A. Williams & Co., 109 Washington Street, pp. 32.

A practical treatise, by a reliable and extensive writer, giving all information necessary to raise onions successfully. It is illustrated by several engravings, and will prove a valuable guide-book to all cultivators.

### Lusus Naturae.

We were shown last week, a curious specimen of natural history. A boy had shot a skunk and took from the body a kitten with two distinct bodies with eight legs. The bodies were united at the fore shoulder. One pair of legs was directly over the back on the fore shoulder. We have occasionally known of similar malformations in domestic animals, but have never before met with a similar case in a wild one. The specimen is well preserved in alcohol, and is in the possession of Mr. Hiram Jenkins of Monmouth.

The Monmouth Farmers' Club have recently purchased a pretty agricultural and miscellaneous library for the use of its members.

### The Onion.

The extraordinary demand for the onion for two years past, has stimulated almost everybody to try his hand at raising them. While we have but little confidence in our being able to raise large quantities of this valuable esculent in Maine at a profit, we believe that a bed for family use can generally be secured. Various methods have been proposed to obviate the mischief produced by the onion maggot.

One of the best methods we have seen is to sow in drills a large quantity of seed, let them grow thickly as possible, and in the fall pull them up, and in the spring transplant them for their full growth the second year. The immense number of plants seems to discourage the onion fly, and enough are left in spite of his ravages. They are sown at a later period than when designed for the same year. Many plant the top, and potato onions, and obtain small crops which are better than no onions.

The onion can be partially protected from the ravages of the maggot in several ways, by paying special attention. We once sowed a fine bed by digging the earth entirely away from the bulb and let it lie on the ground, and pouring on a few times a pretty warm shower of salt brine.

We once saved quite a pretty bed by taking the opposite course—piling up the dirt high above the bulbs for a week or two till the ravages of the fly were over.

We have no faith in steeping the seed with the idea that the maggot is there. It is not there. We have found a very good substitute for the onion in the garden leek. We do not say this is not cultivated more generally. It is easily raised. A little bed of it on rich, moist ground, will last for years, and will be found excellent for flavoring soups when onions cannot be had. It is milder than the onion, but has an agreeable flavor to those who are fond of the onion.

### Plants for a Hedge.

Messrs. Editors:—Can you or any of your subscribers give me information about hedges. I have forty rods of rail fence next to the highway, and wish to fence with a hedge. Any information through the *Farmer* will be thankfully received.

NOTE. You wish to thoroughly understand two things before you can expect a hedge to meet your desires. 1st. Be patient. It takes a long time for any plant to form a hedge which will be at all satisfactory. 2d. Hedges need to be very carefully attended to as they become of no value for the purpose. This is especially true of the Osage Orange. It is a plant which makes a good hedge if well taken care of, but of a plant is more sure to show bad treatment or neglect. The Hemlock, the American Arbor-vite, Norway Spruce, Beech, and other plants are used for the purposes of hedging, and they have their own individual merits. The Beech bears close pruning and forms a strong, compact hedge. If a protection from winds is also desired in addition to fencing, the Arbor-vite is the best evergreen for the purpose. It will not grow well when shaded, therefore, the branches should be shortened or trimmed back to admit the light into the interior and upon the roots of the plants. The objection to Hemlock is that it is hardly stout enough for a hedge until it has grown some years, but for a screen nothing surpasses it.

We should recommend that you obtain the seed and plant them instead of setting out plants. It is a slower method, but far safer.—Ems.

### Inquiries about an Aqueduct.

Messrs. Editors:—There is a spring within about fifty rods of our residence, and we are contemplating laying an aqueduct; and being inexperienced I would like to get some information in regard to it. How deep will it be necessary to lay it in order to keep it from freezing in winter? What will be the best material to use? Will cement be preferable to lead, and which will be cheapest in the end? If you consider these questions worthy of an answer I should like to have it given through the *Farmer*.

A READER.

Paris, April 27th, 1865.

Note. It should be sunk to a depth of from two to three feet. Cement pipe is preferable to lead, and we should think would be cheaper in the end, though we have had no experience with it. We regard wood as preferable to either, and should advise its use to all parties putting down water pipes. Take Pine, Cedar, or Hemlock logs, from ten to fourteen feet in length, carry them to a shop where tubing for chain pumps is manufactured and have them bored, then lay them down. They will make a better and cheaper pipe than lead or cement.—Ems.

### Fraud in Nursery Stock.

Many parties in this State are doubtless acquainted, and many have had dealings with J. S. Weddige of Meredith, N. H., proprietor of the "Mount Washington Nurseries," who has advertised extensively, and we judge has been doing an extensive business in supplying trees, shrubs and nursery stock to parties in this State. It appears from communications we have in hand, as well as from several agricultural journals, that Mr. Weddige has no nursery, and that he has been imposing upon his customers by supplying them with stock from one of the Syracuse, N. Y. nurseries (that of Messrs. Thorp & Smith) while they, at the same time think they are receiving northern grown trees. This is gross imposition upon the community, and we are glad that a stop is likely to be put to his unjust transactions.

Parties should purchase only of reliable dealers—those whom they know personally or by reputation, to send out good stock. We have such in our own State, and they should be patronized before going away from home to procure those no better than can be had here.

### Early Planting.

Farmers should not, in consequence of the early spring, be in too much of a hurry about planting corn. When the snow goes off so very early, we are exceedingly apt to have late spring frosts. We think that in Maine, corn should be planted so as not to appear above ground till about the first of June. We make this precaution because we have known many persons who planted their corn the very first chance, only to have it rot in the ground or be cut down by the late spring frosts. Have the ground all ready, and the planting is but a short operation. Squashes and cucumbers should not be planted till the nights begin to be warmer, say about the 23d of May.

### Communications.

For the Maine Farmer.  
On Poultry—No. 4.

HUMMERS.

I have spoken previously of fowl that combine three very desirable qualities, viz.: large size, quality of flesh and good layers; now to excel in any one of these qualities, you must sacrifice something of the other two. This is the case with the Hamburgs. The true Hamburgs, without doubt, the best and most constant layers, though not the largest, are the "Dutch ever-day layers," &c., and eggs alone are what a person wants, let him get the Hamburgs, and he will be sure to have them. There are four distinct varieties of this fowl, the "Silver Penciled," the "Silver Spangled," the "Golden Spangled," and the "Black." The Silver Penciled looks very much like the Bolton, and is called "Everlasting layers," &c., and if eggs alone are what a person wants, let him get the Hamburgs, and he will be sure to have them. There are four distinct varieties of this fowl, the "Silver Penciled," the "Silver Spangled," the "Golden Spangled," and the "Black." 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## The War News of the Week.

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NOTICES.  
Mr. JAS. KETCHUM is on a collecting and canvass tour in Kennebec County.  
Mr. V. DAWLINS will call on subscribers in Lincoln and Knox County during the months of April and May.

## West Point.

This institution has had most able defenders in the present civil war from the prominent men who have graduated from its walls and taken the first rank as military commanders. The importance of a careful military training has been most severely felt during four years past. No greater mistake can possibly be made than that a man, however high his social and political condition, can make a successful military chieftain at the present day, without a careful drill in the very elements of military knowledge. We have no faith in a man to lead a regiment or brigade of men in battle, who never know how to drill a squad of men. No boy can multiply before he can add, is a simple mathematical truth, nor can a man at once step into the high position of a commander without his elementary drill and study of military science.

There are hundreds of little items in the management of a company of one hundred men, that must be learned by the commanding officer, in any one of which should he be deficient, he might lose his whole command in case of an emergency. We have heard a case stated by an officer at Bull Run fight, that a peculiar form of lineup saved a whole battery of artillery from destruction.

The laws of strategy must be carefully studied for a long time to make a general officer successful. The highest powers of the human mind have been exercised in this direction. How to deceive an enemy by making a feint, without exposing his own army, is a great question, constantly growing up before the mind of a commanding officer. The experience of past military history must be made familiar, and be combined with a quick perception of the present state of affairs in order to insure success.

Now these things are carefully studied at West Point Military Academy. The drill there is second to that of no other in the United States. The rigid discipline imposed there makes its graduates almost shudder at its remembrance.

Indeed, we heard a graduate, now a distinguished General in the army, once remark, that he never wanted to see West Point again, so vivid were his recollections of his discipline there. Yet he graduated among the first of his class. It is true that blockheads sometimes enter West Point, but it is impossible for one to graduate. The standard of excellence is high, and none but those of a high order of talent can receive its first honors.

We are glad to see our representatives in Congress in some cases having the election to a cadetship open to those of the highest merit among their constituents. We believe it would be much more in accordance with our republican institutions, if they were all appointed in this way, and that a much higher standard of talent could be secured.

Maine has several distinguished general officers in the army, who are graduates of West Point.

They have all steadily advanced upward in the public estimation, as military men. We would not here, for a moment, deprecate the value of those who have so nobly served in the army that did not have the early advantages of a military education, but we believe it will be found, on careful examination, that those who have succeeded best have been those who have most carefully made military science a study while in active service. It could not be otherwise. We believe in the necessity of military education so long as so many men live in the world, and in no way can it be done cheaper by sustaining our national Military Academy, and we hope that our Representatives will make special effort to secure the best possible talent for that school. They will hereafter largely represent the character of the country, especially in time of war.

Gold MINING in MAINE. The North Anson Advocate says there is quite a gold excitement along the upper Kennebec in Somerset County. A New York company have been operating some time on the Baker mountain in Moscow, which yields extremely well for the beginning. We understand this company proposes to erect a quartz mill the present season. One of our subscribers writes us as follows: "Crook's quartz from the Baker mountain assayed \$27 per ton. He has left with another lot which he thinks will do twice as well. Col. Heath (of Waterville I think) has bought a mining right of Joseph Adams, in the ledge just above Carney's. Prospecting is quite a business just now,—almost every man having his pocket literally full of rocks.

The town of Monmouth has been peculiarly saddened within a period of a few days. A young lady, a member of the Academy was suddenly taken down with diphtheria and died on the fourth day. The next day brought the news of the assassination of the President, rendering her funeral solemnities doubly solemn. A few days afterward, a young man was torn in pieces on the railroad while in the act of removing a bar from the track. Last week a most worthy young man committed suicide by swallowing a dose of corrosive sublimate.

THE ASSASSIN CONSPIRATORS. The authorities by the aid of detectives, have accumulated an important mass of evidence in reference to the assassination of President Lincoln. Sixteen persons, notwithstanding its forward appearance, is not in advance of the average, and although grass has got a good start and is looking finely, trees are rather slow in putting out, and the rough, wild forest being done at gardening at present. It forwards nothing to have seed in the ground—unless a farmer has a large amount of work to do, and is short of help—until all the circumstances are favorable.

The Bath Times understands that the ship Thomas Harwood, Capt. Stinson, of that city, has been heard from, information having been received that she was at Rio Janeiro on the 21st of March. She sailed from New York for Panama, some eight months since, and was supposed to be lost. Several young men from Bath were aboard of her.

GOVERNORS OF MAINE. The Council Chamber at the State House, has recently been adorned by portraits of the Governors of the State, which are tastefully arranged in elegant gilt frames. The collection is complete with the exception of Governors Dana and Kavanagh, and there is no picture of the latter in existence.

Three cars of Army clothing, being the balance left on hand at the office of Capt. Davis, Provost Marshal of this District, were sent to Brig. Gen. D. H. Minton, New York, on Monday last. There will probably be no use for it.

JEFF DAVIS A BRANDED ASSASSIN. President Johnson has issued a Proclamation offering rewards for the arrest of Jefferson Davis, late of Richmond, Jacob Thompson, Clement C. Clay, Beverly Tucker, Geo. N. Sanders, Wm. C. Cleary and other rebels and traitors, now harbored in Canada. For the arrest of Davis, a reward is offered of one hundred thousand dollars, for Thompson, Clay, Tucker and Sanders, twenty-five thousand dollars each, and for Cleary, ten thousand dollars. The Provost Marshal of the United States is ordered to cause a description of these fugitive criminals to be published, for their arrest within the limits of the United States, so that they may be brought to justice.

"It appears," says the proclamation, from evidence in the Bureau of Military Justice, that the atrocious murder of the late President, and the attempted assassination of the Hon. W. Seward, Secretary of State, were, indeed, concerted and procured by and between" the persons above named. The reward is offered for the arrest of these men, it will be observed, not as traitors and rebels, but as accessory to the crime of assassination, which will make it obligatory upon the Canadian authorities, under the provisions of the extradition treaty, to arrest and deliver up those of them who has taken refuge in the British Provinces. It is presumed that the confessions of Harold and Payne and the papers found on the body of Booth, have implicated Davis and the other persons named in the crime, and with other evidence in the possession of the Government, will be sufficient for their conviction. As for Davis himself, who is now a branded fugitive from justice, endeavoring to make his way out of the country, the large reward offered will stimulate pursuit. Such is the end of the great rebellion: its armies destroyed, its people impoverished, and its chief a fugitive from justice, hunted and pursued for a reward, as a murderer's accomplice.

RECEPTION OF THE NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION IN EUROPE. The news of the murder of President Lincoln, and the attempted assassination of Mr. Seward, was received in England on the 20th ult., and was the occasion of many manifestations of sympathy, indignation and horror. In the House of Lords on the 27th ult., Earl Russell, and in the Commons, Sir George Grey, on behalf of Lord Palmerston gave notice that they would, on May 1st, move an address to the Queen, expressing sorrow and indignation at the assassination of President Lincoln and praying Her Majesty to communicate that expression of feeling to the American Government.

The order directing the mustering-out of soldiers also includes all those who are in the various hospitals, except Veteran Volunteers, Veterans of the 1st Army Corps, (Major General Hancock's) and soldiers of the regular Army, who are not included in the order, as soon as they cease to require medical treatment. Soldiers absent on furlough from Hospitals will be notified by the Surgeon in charge to report to the nearest chief Musterer officer for mustering out.

FIRE AT THE KENNEBEC ARSENAL. On Thursday of last week about 12 o'clock A. M. fire was discovered in the building used as barracks for soldiers of the 1st Army Corps, in this city. It was occupied by John Tolby, M. Co., John Murphy, and Patrick Scanlon, enlisted men at the Arsenal, with their families. The fire was first discovered in a wardrobe closet in the south-western corner of the building.

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INTERMENT OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S REMAINS. The honored remains of Abraham Lincoln arrived at Springfield on Wednesday last, and on the following day, were consigned with appropriate funeral rites to their last resting-place in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The casket was one of intensely solemn interest. The funeral procession was under direction of Major General Hooker, Marshal-in-Chief, and Brig. Generals Cook and Oakes. The guard of honor was the same as at the funeral of Mr. Fernando Wood, but the meeting adjourned to May first, when Mr. Adams will preside at a mass meeting of Americans in St. James Hall.

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DEAFNESS AND CATARACT. Our readers, especially those afflicted with deafness or cataract, should not forget that on Saturday evening next, May 13th, the visit of Dr. Campbell to this city will be brought to a close. There is yet ample time for all suffering, to consult him during the present week, the treatment being such as can be carried out by the patient at home. We are permitted to publish the following reliable certificate from a well known resident of this city:

CERTIFICATE OF MR. HENRY CRAIG: I take pleasure in testifying to the extraordinary conduct of Mr. Campbell's treatment of me for deafness, at the Augusta House. At the time of commencing treatment, I had to press my watch *close* to my ear in order to hear it tick. The treatment day by day, I lost the power to hear, and am now *entirely* deaf. Dr. Campbell has been a great personal risk—to extinguish the guiding flames and prevent its spreading to other buildings in the immediate vicinity. Toby and Murphy saved nearly all their things, but those of the other two families were almost wholly consumed.

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## Poetry.

### THE LOST CHIEF.

He filled the nation's eye and heart,  
An honored, loved, familiar name;  
Such much a brother, that his name  
Was on the lips of every heart.

His towering figure shone and spire,  
Was with such nervous tension strong;  
As on each stricken limb he swung.

The bold and stately's care.

His changing face few can draw—  
Patient, kind, or droll or stern?

And with a smile so sweet to hear  
The language of his heart.

Prude found no life space to spare  
Her fanatics in his busy mind;

But he'll—like all else—find  
No spirit, save all without.

He was his country's own! he own!

He had no but for her, weal;

For him—no care, no fear, no fear!

But as he left her for the throne,

He sang upon the heights of power,

Stainless and unassailed to please;

To this one end his earnest face

Was bent upon his burdened hour.

The well that hides from our dull eyes  
A hero's well, death's well, will—  
With a smile—let us all the gift  
Find home to question, few to prize.

But does the battle—wore the strife,  
When torches lighted up the strife;

Brave and bold, out and crown them!

The clay-daubed brows unclenched in life.

And men of whom the world will talk—  
For ages—will be—will be—will be—

And, as they quit us, prove

That stout souls have shared our walk;

For Heaven—what's fallen!—lurk

In the same house that crowns their work.

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O, lost and lost!—The parting!—  
Had robes of crimson, Victory's light;

Our Country, red, red, red, bright;

With a smile—let us all the gift  
Find home to question, few to prize.

Agreeable—twin towers of towers

The cage of our nation's fowls;

As the weeks to summer grow—

Each "d—y" a summer was won!

But, as the world—bore the strife,

And shouting streets with flags abroad,

Sped the shrill arrow of thy doom,

And, in an instant, all was dark!

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Black clouds around us seem to press;

The heartbeats quickly—then is still;

Father!—and mother!—and we're lost;

Be done!—in such an hour as this!

A martyr to the cause of man,

His blood is freedom's sacrifice;

And in the world—no hero—no—

His name shall read the van!

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Ye, rated on Faith a white wings, unfurled

In heaven's pure light, of him we say:

He fell upon the self same day.

A GREAT MAN DIES TO SAVE THE WORLD."

—New-York Herald.

### Our Story-Teller.

for the Maine Farmer.

### PETROLEUM.

A Tale of the Times.

I was in the times of land the speculation.

For this reason, or some other, I am a born speculator.

Speculate I must, and I am deeply engaged

of everything. My father was a born speculator.

He made the early stages of

the fever, made a handsome pile—such a pile as

Californians dream of, and are proud of too, if

by any chance their golden dreams are realized.

On the strength of his cool \$40,000, (I prefer to

put it down in figures as a row of cipher)

to the rest of the world, he made a

lot more—than half, crossed, I did; and glad

enough I was to get back to my old business of

buying and selling.

"Petroleum!" exclaimed my mother.

"Yes, Petroleum!" replied Rebecca.

"Have you not seen the advertisements to form

compartments for the purpose of procuring and refining the oil?"

"Advertisements!" responded my mother. "It is

poor stuff that needs so much advertising—such

long columns of prating up. I set it down on

a par with the quack medicines advertisements,

they mean just what they say, if any body has

a mind to it.

"But it is light, any way," answered Rebecca;

"the people who buy it will have light."

"I'm not much," said my mother, "if they buy

kerogen oil, to say nothing of getting the

diaphtheria."

Rebecca got the papers, and read from a New

York paper, and from a Boston paper, and from

the State of Maine paper, of that of a wonderful

age, Petroleum, and showed the long round

oil cistern which held the oil of the ocean, which

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